

## Amendment To The Specification

Please replace paragraphs [0005] through [0008] with the following amended paragraphs:

[0005] Figure 1 illustrates a lift truck attachment in the form of a load transfer platform 11 which includes a horizontally disposed deck 12 having a pair of parallel laterally spaced hollow frame members 13, 14 extending front to rear on its underside and presenting end openings 16, 17 adapted to receive a pair of laterally spaced forks of an order picker lift truck, not shown, or other material handling vehicle. A pair of parallel horizontal and roller conveyors 18, 19, spaced from one another in a front to rear ~~directions~~ direction of the attachment are mounted on the top side of the deck 12 by parallel roller support beams 21, 22, 23, 24 which rotatably support the shafts ~~66 not shown~~, of the cylindrical rollers 26, as shown in Figure 3. The deck 12 has a front side 27, a rear side 28 and a laterally opposite sides 29, 30. The deck 12 includes a floor segment 31 at the backside of the roller conveyor 19 and a floor segment 32 between the roller conveyors 18, 19. The fore and aft extending hollow frame members 16, 17 reinforce the deck 12 by being secured to its underside and the roller support beams 21, 22, 23, 24 reinforce the deck 12 by being secured to its top side. Thus the deck 12 is reinforced in a fore and aft direction and laterally. Tall flat items such as the illustrated entrance door module 33 are placed on the roller conveyor 19 and leaned against an upright support brace 36 whose legs 37, 38 are mounted in sockets 39, 41 formed in the roller support beam 23, which are shown in greater detail in Figure 3. The brace 36 includes a hook segment 42 at its top for stabilizing tall items. A front guardrail 46 is provided at the front of the attachment 11 and sockets 51, 52 are shown at one side of the deck 12 for receiving legs 48, 49 of a side brace 47 shown in Figure 2.

[0006] Figure 2 shows the loading platform assembly 11 adjusted for transport of a boxed appliance 56. The upright brace 36 shown in Figure 1 has been removed in Figure 2 and the side

guard 47 is shown detached from its sockets 51, 52. The floor segment 32 between the roller conveyors 19, 21 forms a pathway which permits the workman 57 to place one foot on one side of the conveyor 19 and the other foot on the other side of the conveyor 19. This positions the workman 57 in better position to efficiently apply force to the boxed appliance 56 when moving it onto or off of the loading platform 11. The roller support beams 21, 22, 23, 24 position the rollers 26 above the deck floor segments 31, 32 thereby reducing the likelihood of a worker accidentally stepping on the rollers 26. It should be understood that a releasable brake mechanism, like that shown in my hereinbefore identified U.S. patent application serial number 10/607,700, is provided to, brake the rollers 26 of the conveyors 18, 19 while the merchandise is being transported.

**[0007]** As shown in Figure 3 the socket 39 for the leg 37 of the brace 36 includes a U shaped segment 61 welded to the channel shaped beam 23. The socket 39 and the socket 41 are positioned laterally between the shafts 66 of adjacent rollers 26 which are ~~journal-in~~ supported by the webs of the channel shaped beams 23, 24.

**[0008]** The illustrated lift truck attachment provides an improved safe loading platform which is particularly useful in handling merchandise in a builders or homeowners supply ~~stores~~ store of the warehouse type where merchandise is stocked in ~~reeks~~ racks and also displayed at floor level.